When this was done, I stuck all the ground without my wall, for a great length every way, as full with stakes or sticks of the osier-like wood, which I found so apt to grow, as they could well stand; insomuch that I believe I might set in near twenty thousand of them, leaving a pretty large space between them and my wall, that I might have room to see an enemy, and they might have no shelter from the young trees, if they attempted to approach my outer wall.

Thus, in two years' time, I had a thick grove; and in five or six years[5] time I had a wood before my dwelling grown so monstrous thick and strong that it was indeed perfectly impassable : and no man, of what kind so-ever, would ever imagine that there was anything beyond it, much less a habitation.

As for the way which I proposed to myself to go in and out (for I left no avenue), it was by setting two ladders, one to a part of the rock which was low, and then broke in, and left

room to place another ladder upon that; so when the two ladders were taken down, no man living could come down to me without injuring himself; and if they had come down, they were still on the outside of my outer wall.